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1	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Spaghetti Dinner	Parish Hall	Prayer Request 6 Majella House 7 Honors of the Month/Year 8
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12			Blessed Michael McGivney's Birthday		Council Birthdays 13
12	6:00 PM	8:30 PM	COR	St Rose of Lima Room	
13			Blessed Michael McGivney Memorial		
14			Blessed Michael McGivney Death Anniversary	Blessed Michael McGivney Death Anniversary	
14	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	Vespers	St Rose of Lima Chapel	Articles for the newsletter are due
14	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	KoC Council Meeting	Knights Hall	on the 25 of the month prior to the
15			FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION		publication Month.
19	6:30 PM	7:30 PM	Assembly Meeting	Knights Hall	]
28	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	KoC Special Dance (Theme: Fav Football Team)	Parish Hall	
30	4:00PM	5:00PM	Corporate Communion	St Rose of Lima	
30	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	KoC Exemplification	St Rose of Lima	Early September
30	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	Reception after	(TBD)	Events are on page 2.





# **Grand Knight's Report James Gaus**

As we step into August, we pause to honor two deeply significant dates in the life of our founder, Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney—his birth on August 12, 1852, and his passing on August 14, 1890. His legacy continues to inspire us as we carry forward the principles of charity, unity, and fraternity that he so faithfully lived.

We are pleased to announce and warmly congratulate our new Retention Chairman, Brother Rick Sturgis, who has officially launched the "Buddy-In-Arms" Program. This thoughtful initiative is designed to support and engage our newly inducted brother knights, offering them a welcoming presence, answers to their questions, meaningful connection with council members, and encouragement to participate in upcoming events and service

opportunities. If you're interested in being part of this impactful outreach effort—or know someone who would benefit—please reach out to info@kofc7027.com.

Mark your calendars and make plans to join us on Thursday, August 14 for our monthly business meeting. The evening will begin with Vespers at 6:00 PM in the Parish Chapel, followed by our regular meeting in the Knight's Hall . During this session, we will hold our annual vote on the budget for the 2025–2026 fraternal year. Your presence and voice are important as we work together to steward our resources and support our shared mission.

Lastly, we ask you to keep our brother knights, their families, and our clergy in your prayers. May we continue to grow together in faith, friendship, and service.

Vivat Jesus!

September	Begin	End	Event	Location
1			LABOR DAY	St Rose of Lima Chapel
4	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	K of C Officer's/Planning Meeting	Knights Hall
5	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	Holy Hour w/Adoration, Rosary and Benediction	St Rose of Lima Church
5	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Spaghetti Dinner	Parish Hall
6	Noon	1:00 PM	Rosary for America	Park Avenue & Dogwood
7	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	KofC Breakfast (Grandparents Day)	Parish Hall
9	6:00 PM	8:30 PM	COR	St Rose of Lima Room







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### From the Deacon's Bench

By Deacon Jeff Massey Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Greeting, as we begin the month of August.

We have many important Feasts and Memorials in August.

- Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (1 August)
- Saint John Vianney, Priest (4 August)
- Feast of the Transfiguration (6 August)
- Saint Dominic (8 August) founder of the Dominicans also known as the Order of Preachers
- Saint Claire (11 August) one of the first followers of Saint Francis of Assisi founded the Order of Poor Ladies, in 1212. Pope Urban IV officially changed to the Order of Saint Clare in 1263
- Saint Maximilian Kolbe (14 August)
- Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church (20 August)
- Saint Pius X, Pope (21 August)
- Saint Monica (27 August) her son...
- Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (28 August)
- Passion of Saint John the Baptist (29 August) which closes out the Month

Back to the Solemnity of the Assumption on 15 August. The word "Assumption" derives from the Latin word assūmptiō, meaning 'taking up'. This has been celebrated in the Eastern Church from the 6th century. The Western Church adopted this date as a Holy Day of Obligation to commemorate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a reference to the belief in a real, physical elevation of her sinless soul and incorrupt body into Heaven.

The Assumption of Mary is one of the four Marian dogmas of the Catholic

Church. Pope Pius XII defined it on 1 November 1950 in his apostolic constitution Munificentissimus Deus as the assumption of Mary, body and soul, into heaven.

The 4 are:

The Perpetual Virginity of Mary

Mary remained a virgin before, during, and after the birth of Jesus, signifying her complete dedication to God. Affirmed by Early Church Tradition, various councils, The Apostle's Creed and Nicene Creed in 325.

Mary as the Mother of God

Mary is acknowledged as the Theotokos, or "God-bearer," affirming that she is the mother of Jesus, who is the Son of God, at the Council of Ephesus, 431 AD.

The Immaculate Conception

Mary was conceived without original sin, preserving her from the stain of sin from the moment of her conception declared by Pope Pius IX in 1854.

The Assumption of Mary

At the end of her earthly life, Mary was assumed body and soul into heaven declared by Pope Pius XII in 1950. Although made Official in 1950, the teaching of the Assumption of Mary became widespread across the Christian world, having been celebrated as early as the 5th century and having been established in the East by Emperor Maurice around AD 600.

In a homily, John Damascene (675–749 AD), citing the third book of the Euthymiac History, records the following:

St. Juvenal, Bishop of Jerusalem, at the Council of Chalcedon (451), made known to the Emperor Marcian and Pulcheria, who wished to possess the



body of the Mother of God, that Mary died in the presence of all the Apostles, but that her tomb, when opened upon the request of St. Thomas, was found empty; where from the Apostles concluded that the body was taken up to heaven.

As early as the late 4th century
Epiphanius of Salamis wrote he could find
no authorized tradition about how her life
ended. Epiphanius could not decide on
the basis of biblical or church tradition
whether Mary had died or remained
immortal, his indecisive reflections
suggest that some difference of opinion
on the matter had already arisen in his
time. Because he identified three beliefs
concerning her end:

- 1. that she had a normal and peaceful death;
- 2. that she died as a martyr;
- 3. that she did not die.

Even more, in another text Epiphanius stated that Mary was like Elijah because she never died but was assumed, like him.

We must note that The New Testament is also silent regarding the end of her life. Nevertheless, The Bible mentions two prominent figures, Enoch and Elijah, who were taken up to heaven.serving as important precedents for the assumption of Mary.

Enoch, referenced in the Book of Genesis, is noted for his intimate walk with God and is described as having been "taken" by God (Genesis 5:24), an event also reported in the Epistle to the Hebrews (Hebrews 11:5).

Similarly, Elijah, the great prophet, was taken up to heaven in a whirlwind, accompanied by a chariot of fire. (2 Kings 2:11).

The whole point is 2 fold.

- 1. God has taken people up to heaven, body and soul
- 2. From early times the Church believed this happened to Mary

Finally, on November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII declared the Assumption of the Virgin Mary as a dogma of faith with the apostolic constitution Munificentissimus Deus as follows:

We pronounce, declare, and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma: that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.

Written shortly after the devastation of World War II, the encyclical conveys the hope that meditation on Mary's Assumption will lead the faithful to a greater awareness of our common dignity as the human family. Further, Pope Pius XII expressed the hope that the belief in the bodily Assumption of the Virgin Mary into heaven

"will make our belief in our own resurrection stronger and render it more effective".

Bringing this to a close, as we begin August, I pray that all will spend time in prayer and reflection, not just on the Assumption, but on all the Saints whose lives we remember.

In Service,

## Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

Founder of the Knights of Columbus

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

> Please report all favors received: The Father McGivney Guild 1 Columbus Plaza New Haven, CT 06510-3326 • USA www.fathermcgivney.org

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An informed Council is an active Council. We try to keep members informed through these newsletters and at Council meetings. Please try and keep being informed by reading articles on social media and/or emails.

Our local Ultrasound initiative is underway. The Diocese has completed the necessary evaluation of the Life Options clinic so we can begin our fundraiser to purchase a new machine. Other councils in our district have expressed interest in helping to supply funds toward a new machine. The Babybottle fundraiser is not complete. The time for the activity was

Mother's Day through Father's Day. As a result, we are still short over 50 bottles. If you are in possession of any bottles, please return to St Rose and try to put a respectful donation.

Majella house is having a fundraiser. Please read the ad in the newsletter and try to attend.

Morning Star Catholic high school is in its third school year and has built two buildings for classrooms. They have received large funds from other sources but are in need of further donations. Stay informed on all these Prolife issues and help where you can.

### Sick & In Need Prayer List

Beth & Bill McDonald, Susan McDonald, Emily Greg Micklos, Norm Champagne, Jim Gentry, Botner, Claudia Barrett, Family of Dale Sogor, mother of Joey Davis, Jack Arndt, Carol Waugh, Paul Madifila, Walter Gross, Sterling VanGrowski, Rusty Bradberry, Ron Livorno, Mike Stafford, Paul Hicks, Ian McDonald, Claudia Barrett, Gene & Martha Skalsky, Ed McCarthy, Bill Glover, Mike Kassinger, Joan Haring, MaryEtta Hinkle, David & Sharon Hinkle, Dave & Donna Byers, Jim and Marianne Richardson, Jennifer &

Ben Paul, Dean Dizon, John & Margo Recke, Joe Burgos, Heidi Massey, Thea McDonald, Ed Horne, Sharon Dipkin, Jerry Sciple, Nicole - sister of Justin Paul, Sylvia Mabley, Saveria Husslein, Robert Erisman, Bob Miller, Steve Gentry, Todd & Suzi Jones, Karen Lewis, Thatcher Kerzie, Mark Puno, Art Sobilo, Vinny Gallo, John Burkhalter, Larry Johnson, JP Fane, Richard & Hilda Connolly, John Juul, Tom Peck, Louise Egler, Barbara Mason.

Let us pray:

O Heavenly Father, God of Love, You gave us Your Son Jesus to be not only Physician of our souls but also Healer of our bodies and minds. Lord Jesus, We turn to You in this time of illness. Please come to us now, and lay Your healing hand on us and all who are in need of your Mercy. Let the warmth, peace and healing power of Your Spirit fill all of us now with Your life and love. We receive You, Lord Jesus!

Heal us according to Your Divine Will, Lord Jesus, and enable us to serve You with a healthy body, soul, and spirit. May Your Joy, O Lord, be our strength this day.

To submit a prayer request to be included here please send an email to info@kofc7027.com





## Swingin' Soirée

GET READY FOR THE JAZZIEST NIGHT
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Thursday, October 2, 2025 6:30PM

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## Honors of the Months

Month	Knight of the Month	Family of the Month
Year 2025-26		
July, 2025	Robert Browder	John & Jane Garton
August, 2025		
September, 2025		
October, 2025		
November, 2025		
December, 2025		
January, 2026		
February, 2026		
March, 2026		
April, 2026		
May, 2026		
June, 2026		





Grand Knight James Gaus presented the **Knight of the Month** for July to SK Robert Browder on July 26, 2025, at the corporate communion Mass. Pictured are GK James Gaus, SK Robert Browder, and Msgr. Michael Reed. Grand Knight James Gaus presented the **Family of the Month** for July to John & Jane Garton on July 26, 2025, at the corporate communion Mass. Pictured are GK James Gaus, Jane & John Garton, and Msgr. Michael Reed.

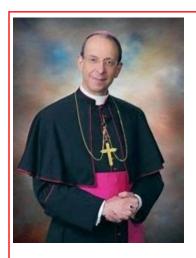


Vice District Marshal Anthony
Jette presented the **Sir Knight of Quarter & Year** for 2024-25
to Cesar Mascardo on July 26,
2025, at the corporate
communion Mass. Pictured are
Vice District Marshal Anthony
Jette, Analyn Dixon & FN Cesar
Mascardo, and Msgr. Michael
Reed.

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#### Supreme Chaplain's Challenge by Archbishop William E. Lori

"For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." (Gospel for Aug. 31, Lk 14:11)

One lesson of this parable in Luke's Gospel is that when you exalt yourself, there's nowhere to go but down. In the life of a disciple of Christ, we are called to develop the virtue of humility. We are called to self-giving service to others, not self-serving advancement of ourselves. Let us strive not to seek worldly honors in an egotistical spirit, but rather to live as servants to others so that God may exalt us to eternal life.

## Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, in which we celebrate the feast of Blessed Michael McGivney on Aug. 13, I challenge you to pray each day the Litany of Blessed Michael McGivney or the prayer for his canonization — and take time to reflect on his humility in serving the people of God.

#### **Questions for Reflection:**

Do you sometimes struggle with the sin of pride? How can you be at once humble of heart and yet bold in living and proclaiming your faith? What living examples of humble service have you found in your own life?

(From kofc.org select "Who We Are", "Our Faith", and "Monthly Challenge")



#### For mutual coexistence

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

https://www.usccb.org/prayers/popes-monthly-intentions-2025





#### Florida State Council Memorial & Healing Cards Program

The Florida State Council is proud to reintroduce our cherished **Memorial and Healing Cards Program**—a meaningful way to offer spiritual support to those in need, while also supporting vocations in Florida.

#### We offer two types of cards:

• **Memorial Cards** for honoring the memory of someone who has passed away. **Healing Cards** for comfort to someone who is ill or recovering.

Each card features an image of our founder, **Blessed Michael McGivney**, and includes a message that the recipient will be remembered at Mass by our **State Chaplain** and prayed for by seminarians at **St. John Vianney** and **St. Vincent de Paul** seminaries. A donation is made in the recipient's name to the **Florida State Council Charities' Vocations Fund**.

#### **How It Works:**

- 1. The sender fills out a **donation card** identifying:
- o Type of card (Memorial or Healing)
- o Recipient's name
- Sender's name, address, phone number, and council number
- Whether additional cards are requested
- o Mail the donation card and your donation (checks made out to *Florida K of C Charities, Inc.*) using the provided return envelope.
- o If your **council number is included**, your council will receive credit for the donation Mail the Mass Card to the Recipient (Healing) Family (Memorial).

This program reflects the core of our mission—charity, unity, and fraternity. A card featuring Blessed McGivney, accompanied by Mass and seminarians' prayers, is a powerful expression of support and faith.

#### **Request Cards or Learn More:**

Contact **George Elliott**, Memorial and Healing Cards Chairman

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## Fourth Degree St. Teresa of Calcutta Assembly 2823

SK Cesar Mascardo, PGK, FDD, RA1



Worthy Sir Knights,

We had a corporate mass on July 26, 2025, at which both the council and assembly presented the awards.

The assembly presented the 2025 Sir Knight of the Quarter Award for the last quarter and the 2025 Sir Knight of the Year Award as it happens to be the same person. The Faithful Captain Bruce Mabley announced the award recipient, Cesar Mascardo, while the Vice Marshal Tony Jette presented the two awards. I was very honored to receive the awards. With the recent elections completed, we are refocusing our energies, to the new fraternal year. We had our assembly installation of officers after the corporate mass with our Vice Marshal Tony Jette conducting the installation with his assistant Travis Robinson. And afterwards, we all went to Pedros for dinner.

As we start our new fraternal year I want to take this opportunity to thank you, my brother Sir Knights for your support, inspiration and the brotherly love that you have given me. I am thrilled about our leadership team of officers and chairpersons for this year. I'm humbled and honored to serve as your Faithful Navigator for this year.

As is always the case this time of year, it is a time for renewal and refocusing our energies. Summer has come and gone. Schools are back in session and folks are preparing for activities this fall. Form 186 Report of Officers was submitted in a timely manner.

My goals in Assembly 2823 are to promote and increase membership and to increase the patriotic programs to follow the principles of charity, unity, fraternity

and patriotism.

We have the officers, the leaders, the talents, the commitment and the dedication to make this happen. I wanted to thank the new assembly officers for their commitment and dedication during the coming new fraternal year.

It is important, particularly in this day and age, that our Fourth Degree Assemblies encourage active Catholic citizenship and foster the spirit of patriotism in our members and the community at large. **Serving Those Who Served** is a major initiative of the Fourth Degree supporting Veterans Affairs facilities. The Fourth Degree has always supported priest, particularly those who go to serve as military chaplains. Through a special scholarship program, the Knights helped fund the education of seminarians preparing to become Catholic chaplains in the armed forces. The Fourth Degree assemblies should help Knights to put their faith, and their love of country, into action. The fourth principle, "Patriotism", commits our members to the preservation of our Church, our Order and to the many places where Knights serve. Remember the Knights of Columbus assemblies should put their faith into action for God and country around the world.

There was a Bourbon Tasting - Knights of Columbus event which falls under the assembly programs in which proceeds go to KOC Assembly Senior Scholarship Fund. It was spearheaded by Sir Knight Michael Hamel on June 7 at the Parish Hall. ^The attendees discussing the history and the process of bourbon making while tasting 6 iconic bourbons. I want to send a special thank you to Sir Knight Michael Hamel and his crew of volunteers for a successful event. They raised \$2,034 for the

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assembly scholarship fund program.
The Fourth Degree is the highest and most prestigious degree within the Knights of Columbus. It is a group of outstanding Sir Knights who are dedicated to the service of their Church, their Country and their Order. I am very proud to be a fourth degree and to serve you all. We must always depend on each other and be aware and grateful for that

support and brotherhood. My sincerest thanks and gratitude to you all. The honor is mine to serve with you. Sir Knights, thank you for all you do for the good of the Order.

The next scheduled assembly meeting is August 19, 2025.

Vivat Jesus







### **Council and Assembly Officers**

	7027 Officer ear 2024-2025	Assembly 2823 Officers Fraternal Year 2025-2026		
Chaplain	Msgr Michael Reed	Faithful Friar	Msgr Michael Reed	
Grand Knight	James Gaus	Faithful Navigator	SK Cesar Mascardo	
Deputy Grand Knight	Mike Hamel	Faithful Captain	SK Bruce Mabley	
Chancellor	Michael Gaus	Faithful Pilot	SK Gilbert Saenz	
Charicellor		Faithful Admiral	SK Joey Davis	
Recorder	Bernie Schlutz	Faithful Comptroller	SK Bill McDonald	
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Outside Guard	Alex Wilson	Commander		
Lecturer	Walter Gross	Patriotic Liaison	SK Joey Davis	
One Year Trustee	Ben Urnick	Trustee 3 Year	SK Dan Walker	
Two Year Trusteed	Mike Stafford	Trustee 2 Year	SK John Recke	
Three Year Trustee	Mike Simoneaux	Trustee 1 Year	SK Stephen Schaffter	

## **Knights of Columbus Online Resources**

**Council 7027** web site has important information such as calendar, newsletters, and member only information.

http://www.kofc7027.com

**State Council** has important information about Knights in Florida. https://floridakofc.org/

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http://kofc.org

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http://kofc.org/knightline

**Invocations** monthly publication of the Florida State Council.

https://www.floridakofc.org/Invocation-State-Newsletter

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#### **BIRTHDAYS**

On behalf of your Council's Brother Knights, we wish you a very Happy Birthday.



Michael Loftis	08/01	James Gentry	08/16	Victor VanGrowski Jr	08/23
Ronald Livorno	08/03	John Pfeiffer	08/19	Michael Kassinger	08/24
Bernie Schultz	08/08	Edward Rouse	08/20	Barry Gooden	08/27
Nathaniel Klein	08/09	Nils Matolay	08/21	Jeffrey Fischer	08/29
Michael Stevens	08/10	Daniel Prouty	08/23	Richard James	08/30
Dave McFadden	08/13	John Recke	08/23		